

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1835–1862, and S. Res. 320. **Page S10700**

Measures Reported:

S. 1340, to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund. **Page S10700**

Measures Passed:

Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1209, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10708**

Casimir Pulaski to be an Honorary Citizen of the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 26, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously, and the resolution was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10708–09**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report: By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 327), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees. **Pages S10663–87**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 326), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report. **Page S10669**

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, occur at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. **Page S10709**

Berger Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, following a period of morning business, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia; that debate be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, that upon confirmation of the

nomination, Senate resume legislative session and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. **Page S10709**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lillian A. Sparks, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S10709**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—327) **Pages S10669, S10686–87**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10709.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on AirLand: Senators Lieberman (Chair), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Thune, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Burr.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Bayh, Udall (CO), Kirk, LeMieux, Graham, Wicker, Burr, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Webb (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (NE), McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Kirk, Graham, Chambliss, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Bayh (Chair), Byrd, Akaka, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Burris, Burr, Inhofe, Chambliss, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Reed (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Hagan, Kirk, Wicker, Sessions, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (FL), Udall (CO), Begich, Vitter, Sessions, Inhofe, and Graham.

Senators Levin and McCain are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a strategic concept for transatlantic security, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State, Kurt Volker, former United States Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council, and Charles A. Kupchan, Georgetown University, all of Washington, D.C.; and General John Craddock, USA (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander-Europe, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Iran from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and national security briefers.

POLICY CZARS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the past, present, and future of policy czars, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Ridge, former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; Lee A. Casey, former Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Harold C.